

YEAS.—Messrs. Allen, Armstrong, Flanagan, Grimes, Guinn, Lou, Maverick, Millican, Palmer, Pedigo, Pirkey, Potter, Russell, Seaborough, Taylor of Cass, Truit, Whitaker, and White, —18.

NAYS.—Messrs. Bryan, Burroughs, Weathersford, and Wren, —4.

A bill to amend the act of Feb'y 5th 1841, entitled "an act of limitations"—read 3d time.

Mr. Armstrong moved to lay the bill on the table.—lost.

The bill was then passed.

On motion of Mr. Taylor of Cass, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, DEC. 27th, 1855.

The Senate was called to order by the President, pursuant to adjournment—prayer by the chaplain—roll called—quorum present.

The journal of yesterday read and adopted.

Mr. Potter, chairman of the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the petition of sundry citizens of Cherokee county for the relief of John G. Graham, reported a bill, recommending its passage.

A bill to allow John G. Graham to transact business and make binding contracts in his own name—read first time.

Mr. Potter chairman of the same committee, to which was referred a bill to incorporate Shawnee Lodge No. 15, of I. O. O. F., returned the same to the Senate with an amendment, recommending the adoption of the amendment and the passage of the bill.

Amendment. At the end of the first section, add provided that said corporation shall not own real estate of the value of more than twenty thousand dollars, at any one time.

Mr. Guinn chairman of the committee on engrossed bills, reported the following bills correctly engrossed.

A bill amending an act supplementary to an act amending and supplementary to an act to incorporate the Henderson and Burkville Rail Road company, approved Jan'y 27th 1854.

A bill to incorporate the Harrison manufacturing company.

A bill authorizing the United States' Marshal of the District of Texas to use the jails of various counties of this State, for certain purposes.

A bill for the relief of the Galveston and Red river Railway company and supplementary to the several acts incorporating said company.

A bill to amend an act supplementary to an act to establish the Galveston, Houston and Henderson Rail Road company.

A bill for the relief of Jesse Dean; and

A bill to incorporate the city of San Antonio.

Mr Pirkey, from the committee on Public lands, to which was referred a bill to validate a survey and Patent, upon the Hendright certificate of John P. Rogers, reported the same back, recommending its passage.

Mr Truit, from the committee on private land claims No. 1, to which was referred a bill for the relief of Charles Stanley and John Todd, for services rendered the Republic of Texas in 1836, reported a substitute, recommending its adoption and the passage of the bill.

Mr Bryan chairman of the committee on Education, made the following report:

"The committee on Education have examined a bill to incorporate Miami male and female Institute and recommend its passage, adding the following words at the end of the 5th section, 'that the property of the same shall not exceed one hundred thousand dollars.'"

Mr Bryan chairman of the same committee, to which was referred a bill appropriating certain monies in the Treasury to the School fund, and a bill to incorporate Payne female Institute; reported the same back, recommending their passage.

Mr Bryan, chairman of the committee on Public Buildings, to which was referred a bill to provide a permanent and safe building for the use of the State department, the Executive and the Attorney General of the State of Texas; returned the same and recommended its passage.

Mr Pirkey from the committee on counties and county boundaries, to which was referred a bill creating the county of Palo Pinto; reported the same back recommending its passage.

Mr Wren from the committee on private land claims, made the following report:

The committee on private land claims have considered a petition for the relief of the heirs of Josephus Moore, granting them a league and labor of land, and we find from the proof, that the said Moore came to Texas in 1835, that he had a family and has never received any land, that he served in the army of the Republic and is now dead. From the testimony of the Hon. Wm. M. Williams and Isaac Parker, both members of the present Legislature, the certificate of the said Moore, was certainly entitled to one league and labor of land. Therefore the committee have instructed me to report the accompanying bill and recommend its passage.

A bill for the relief of Josephus Moore, read first time.

Mr Palmer from the committee on Internal Improvements made the following report :

The committee on Internal Improvements, to which was referred the petition of sundry citizens of Houston praying to be permitted to levy a tax for Rail Road purposes, and a bill to permit the city of Houston to levy a special tax for Railroad purposes, have examined the same, and instruct me to report the bill back, recommending its passage.

Mr Palmer moved a suspension of the rule, carried—the bill was taken up, read 2d time.

Mr Martin moved to refer the bill to the Judiciary committee—lost; the bill was then ordered to be engrossed.

Mr Palmer moved the further suspension of the rule—lost.

Mr Barroughs introduced a bill for the relief of Martin Whitehead—read 1st and 2d times and referred to the committee on private land claims No. 2.

Mr Potter introduced a bill to amend an act to incorporate the Union Marine and fire insurance company—read 1st and 2d times and referred to the Judiciary committee.

Mr Pedigo introduced a bill for the relief of Eliza Thomas—read 1st and 2d times and referred to the committee on private land claims No. 2.

Mr Wren from the committee on private land claims No. 1, made the following report :

The committee on private land claims No. 1, to which was referred the petition of Jasper Hubermaker, guardian of the heirs of Christopher Coats, have had the same under examination and find that the said Christopher Coats, dec'd was entitled to a headright certificate for 640 acres of land, and therefore instruct me to report a bill for the relief of his heirs, recommending its passage.

A bill for the relief of the heirs of Christopher Coats' dec'd—read first time.

Mr Taylor of Florida introduced a joint resolution, instructing our Senators and Representatives in Congress to use all honorable means for the extension of the period of naturalization to 21 years &c.—read 1st and 2d times and referred to the committee on State Affairs.

Mr Martin introduced a bill concerning the separate land districts of Henderson county—read 1st and 2d times and referred to the Judiciary committee.

Mr Russell introduced a bill to change the name of Margaret Catherine Burk to that of Margaret Catherine Martin and that of Emily Jane Burk to that of Emily Jane Clark—read 1st and 2d times and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to provide for the support of Schools, with the report of the committee on Education, recommending its passage—was read.

On motion of Mr Taylor of Cass, the consideration of the bill and report was deferred till tomorrow at 11 o'clock A. M.

Bill, explanatory of the 14th section of an act to provide for the construction of the Mississippi and Pacific railroad, approved Dec. 21st 1855, was on motion of Mr Palmer, made a special order of the day, for Wednesday the 2d day of January next.

On motion of Mr Taylor of Cass, the Senate adjourned till to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock, by the following vote:

Yeas.—Messrs. Allen, Armstrong, Loti, Martin, Millican, Pirkey, Russell, Taylor of Cass, Taylor of Pannin, Fruit, Whitaker, and White,—12.

Nays.—Messrs. Bryan, Burroughs, Flanagan, Grimes, Guinn, Maverick, Palmer, Potter, Weatherford, and Wren,—10.

FRIDAY, DEC. 28th, 1855.

The Senate was called to order, by the President pursuant to adjournment—prayer by the chaplain, roll called—quorum present. The Journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr Grimes presented the petition of Alfred McLaughlin and others; referred to the committee on private land claims No. 2.

Mr Guinn chairman of the committee on engrossed bills, reported a bill to permit the city of Houston to levy a special tax for Red Road purposes, correctly engrossed.

Mr Grimes chairman of the committee on Finance made the following report:

The committee on Finance have had under consideration the memorial of Joseph R. Burleson administrator, and Sarah Burleson administrators of Edward Burleson dec'd.

Memorialists pray that the State of Texas refund to the Estate of said Edward Burleson the sum of six hundred and eighty-one dollar, and 45 cents, it being the amount collected from the said decedent in his life time as security for one Boyce, for import duties on goods introduced into the Republic of Texas. Your committee had no evidence before them, but they readily came to the conclusion that it would be inexpedient to refund money from the Treasury when the same had been collected by due course of law, unless sufficient proof be made, and such as it was not within the knowledge of the defendant or within his power to obtain in the court where the judgment was obtained, that the case was one that in justice required relief. Your com-